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THE OBSERVATOR.

An Account from Honiton. *Remarks thereon. Of the* Clergys Behaviour *in Order to* Elections. *Of the* Abingdon Election. *Of the* Election *for* Middlesex, *and other* Elections.

From Saturday April the 28th, to Wednesday May the 2d, 1705.

Country-m. MAster *Observator*, here is a Letter, on which I desire your Opinion, I fancy it comes from an Honest *Quaker*.

Obs. Let the Mans *Religion* be what it will, I care not, provided his *Principles* are Honest. Prithee Read the Letter.

Country-m. It is Directed to *Friend* John Tutchin, *in* London. *Dated the 9th of the 2d Month*; and is as follows,

Friend *Observator*,

THY Honesty Delighting in Good, I thought it proper to give thee an Account of Transactions *in* Devon, *where I was some time since.*

I find the Author of Soberness *and* Truth, *alias* L. Dyer, *mentions, that* W. D——ke (*thou knowest how Faithful his Services were to Promote the* C—— *in the last Parliament*) *was attended with all the Parsons and Gentlemen about* Honiton, *making* 700 *Horsemen, a sign that Gentleman was well* Beloved going in, *but* Forsaken going out *of the Town, when he might have to the utmost* 320 *Horsemen, and hardly Three or Four Voices among 'em; the others were Cavalry on Foot.*

Prithee, Friend, tell me, is it Lawful for Officers of Souldiers to permit their Drums to attend such a Cavalcade? *I understand all this Noise comes because* J—— E——ll *sets up against him.*

A Fellow Tavern Keeper, (his Name I can't tell thee) Swore he'd have J—— E——ll's *Blood, or lose his own, as happened one Evening, some of his Drunken Companions ask'd him Drink, he deny'd them unless they would Pay for it; No, they would not; and they should have no Drink. One pulled away the Chair, or Form he sat upon; down goes he; he hurted himself; fell into a hot Feaver; since is Dead.*

I know thy Zeal to make Good Use of all things; I send this in Love; Farewell Kindly.

It would not be amiss if we had thy Paper Three times every Week now.

Thy Friends Love thee, as much as thine Enemies Hate thee.

Obs. I have had several Letters sent me about the late *Transactions* at *Honiton*, one of which, bearing the most particulars, I sent to the *Government*, in which, I think, I did the utmost I could to prevent like Abuses for the future; and there I leave it.

Sir *John Ellwill*, a Gentleman of *Known Worth* and *Integrity*, is a *Canditate* for that *Town* in the next *Election*, and 'tis no wonder, if a Gentleman of *Known Integrity* to his *Country*, and *True Affection* to *Her Majesties Royal Person* and *Government*, is *Assaulted, Vilify'd* and *Asperst'd* by Men that have other things in View than the *Present Government* and the *Hannover Succession.*

I shall not make *Publick* to the *World* the whole of this *Affair*; 'tis, perhaps, too *Notorious*, too *Invasive* of the *Rights* of *Englishmen*, to be made *Known* at this *Juncture.*

This Letter is the most Innocent of any I have had sent me Relating to this *Affair*, and therefore 'tis made *Publick*, and I shall say no more on the Subject, but in Answer to this Honest Mans Question on the Case, *viz. Whether it is Lawful for Officers of Soldiers to permit their Drums to attend such a* Cavalcade?

I shall speak only in General, not thinking it convenient to mention the particulars of the Case. If *Soldiers* are Quallifi'd as *Burghers* or *Freeholders* to *Vote*, without doubt they have to do with our *Elections*, but only in a *Peaceable* manner; they are allowed to beat their *Drums* for *Voluntiers* for the *Army*; but to beat *Drums* for *Votes*, or in *Parties* of *Elections*, is too New to be allowed.

Our *Elections* are to be free, which can never be where the Men in *Red* pretend to be *Judges* in that *Affair*; nor is it suitable to the *Government* of any *Country*, where the People have the least *Right*, to have Men controul them in their *Elections* who wear the *Nations Livery*, and are in the *Peoples Pay*, is making our *Servants* our *Masters*: Our *Elections* are to be determined by proper *Judges* of the *Poll*, and not by the *Knock-down Arguments* of *Pike* and *Musket.*

Our *Elections* ought not to be influenc'd so much as by the *Court*; surely, then not by the Men in *Arms*, whose *Formidable Appearance* looks more like an *Invasion* of *Prerogative*, than the *Freedom* of *Elections.*

Our *Elections* can never be free, while these Men pretend to intermeddle therein, and they may, without any Recourse to *Rhetorick*, be Termed *The Badges of Slavery*, when they become our *Directors*, and influence our *Elections.*

I have only this to add to the People of *Honiton*, that they have a Sample of a Standing Army, and that hereby, they may guess what a Precious thing such a Force would be, if God, for your Sins, should once suffer it in *England.*

Country-m. Master, I find the Men in *Black*, as well as the Men in *Red*, are very Industrious for the *Tackers* in this *Election*; there's hardly a Letter that you Receive out of the *Country*, but what mentions something of the *Misbehaviour* of the *Inferiour Clergy.*

Obs. The *Impudence* of the *Priesthood* has been *Demonstrable* in all Ages, but more especially where *Bigottry* abounds, can you imagine otherwise, but that those Men should do the *Devils Work*, that *Rebel* against their *Fathers* in *God*, the best set of *Bishops* that *England* ever knew? But for all these Complaints they are not all alike minded, 'tis the *Contemptible* part of

of the *Clergy*, that thus expose themselves, and bring this great *Scandal* upon our *Church*.

The Diligence of the *Inferiour Clergy* in this *Election* is *Notorious*; not one in ten of 'em but what is for the *Tackers*. A certain *Parson* in *Hertfordshire*, not long since, being in Company of very *Creditable Witnesses*, and speaking of the *Tackers*, out of his *Passionate Zeal* for *High-Church*, said, *The Devil take me, if it be not a greater Sin to Poll against the* Tackers, *than to Murder my own Father.*

Country-m. Oh! I have heard of that Sorry *Sprig* of *Divinity*, he reckons himself obliged to the *Tacking Party* for his *small Tythes* of *Cherries*, and if the *Candidates* will but allow him *Brandy* enough, he'll creep a Peg higher to the *Pinnacle*; *Brandy*, *Black Cherries*, and a *Black Coat* are the *Characteristick* of a *High-Church Parson*, and Essentially necessary to the performance of *Deeds* of *Darkness*. But, Master, our Fore-fathers were, I think, very much out in their Naming of Persons, or else Persons don't, as we say, Brook their Names, for here's one call'd a *Lamb*, which should have been Nam'd a *Lyon*, and another a *Lyon*, which should have been call'd a *Lamb*.

Obs. The Name of a thing does not Demonstrate its *Nature*. There's a certain *Goldsmith* or *Banker* of the same Name with the Parson, that is so quick Sighted, as to Swear by the flash of a Pistol, that makes Interest against Sir *John Wolstenholm*, and Mr. *Barker*, two Worthy Loyal Gentlemen, that now stand *Candidates* for the *County* of *Middlesex*. This *Goldsmith*, at a meeting on the other side, where, perhaps, measures were Concerted how to *Scandalize* the *Honest Loyal Party*; Read the Contents of a Letter to the *Company*, which he pretended was Written by an Honest *Butcher* of *Acton*, a Leading Man at *Elections*, wherein he tells a *Debtor* of his, *That if he does not Vote for his Party, he will Sue him for his Debt.*

This made a great Noise in the *Country*, and the *High-Flyers* Triumph'd mightily at the *Indirect Practises* of the *Whigs*, as they now Term the *Loyal Party* throughout the whole Kingdom. The Honest *Butcher* declared he never Wrote such a Letter, and meeting some of the *Tacking Party* at *Brentford*, offered to lay five Pounds to one Shilling it was a *Forgery*; whereupon three *Tackers* made a shift to raise a Groat a piece, and so the Money was Stak'd; when the time of deciding the *Wager* was come, truly no Letter was produc'd, and the *Tackers* lost their Splendid Shilling. I tell you this only to let you know what *Abominable Practises* are made use of to set aside the *Elections* of such as Love the *Government*.

Country-m. That *Butcher*, Master, is in no good Condition, the *Banker* may Swear, for ought he knows, that he saw him Write that Letter by the Flash of a Pistol. Have you any more Parsons Stories?

Obs. Yes; There's the *Parish Priest* of *Abingdon* in *Berks*, not long since made a *Preparative Sermon* to the *Election*, wherein he told the *Magistracy* of the *Town*, That the People ought not to Chuse such Men as best pleas'd themselves, but such as pleas'd the *Government* of the *Town*, and that the Return ought not to be made according to the *Majority* of *Votes*, but as the *Government* pleas'd, and after he had done what he could to set the People together by the Ears, he Administer'd the *Sacrament*. But this *Parson* has the greatest *Power of Influencing Elections* of any one in *England*, for he pretends to *Forgive Sins*, which he says, no *Presbyterian Parson* in the whole County can do like him.

Country-m. Upon my Country-word this is a *Topping Priest*, and so the poor People that han't Faith enough to Vote as he would have 'em, must all go to Old *Nick*. But, Master, dee hear who stands for that Place of *Abingdon*?

Obs. Grey Nevill, Esq; a very Honest Gentleman, Son to that Brave and Worthy *English* Gentleman that now stands for the County of *Berks*.

Country-m. It Rejoyces my Spirit to hear that Honest Gentlemen do appear so Vigorously for the *Queen* and *Country*. Pray, Sir, who puts up for *Westminster*.

Obs. Two very Honest Gentlemen there too, Sir *Harry Duttoncolt*, and the Honourable *Henry Boyl*, Esq;

Country-m. But I hear the *French Folk*, that we have *Naturaliz'd*, and are *Numerous* in *Westminster*, make Interest against them.

Obs. That's very Improbable; but if they do, we shall find it upon the Poll, and shall then be convinc'd that we have Nourish'd *Vipers* in our *Nation*, that endeavour to Destroy our *Constitution*; I shall only tell those *Frenchmen*, that they are *Englishmen* only by *Act of Parliament*, and that the same Power that made 'em *Denizons*, may at any time *Disfranchise* them.

Country-m. Have you any more Account of *Canaidates*?

Obs. I hear a very Worthy *English* Gentleman of known Affection to Her Majesties *Government*, and a *Person* of a good Estate, and an intire Friend to the *English Interest*, Namely, Sir *Thomas Roberts*, stands for the County of *Kent*, and that two *Loyal* Gentlemen, *viz.* Sir *Henry Furnese*, and *Josiah Burchett*, Esq; stand for the *Port* of *Sandwich*, in the same *County*.

Country-m. Master, here's a Bumper of *October* to all their *Good Healths*, and their *Good Elections*.

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